BRT projects in cities

*67. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has carried out studies for BRT projects in various cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any impact study has been carried out for BRT projects and also whether Government is having a rethink on this project as many people have protested against it;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) to (e) The concerned State Governments/Urban Local Bodies carry out studies for Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) projects in their cities and submit Detailed Project reports to the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India for sanction of their projects under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNUM). Since urban transport is primarily a State subject, it is for the concerned State Government to carry out the required studies for their project proposals. The details of BRTS project sanctioned under JNNURM are given at Statement-I (*See* below).

BRT is an establishment mode of public transport successfully running in a number of countries world-wide for last about 30 years. As such, no further study on this particular aspect is contemplated.

Statement-I

BRT projects sanctioned under JNNURM

Total: 422.35 kms. at Rs. 4770.86 crore (ACA Rs.2195.873 Cr.)

Pune	101.77 km.	Rs. 1051.00 Crore
Pimpri Chinchwad	42.22 km.	Rs. 738.16 Crore
Indore	11.45 km.	Rs. 98.45 Crore
Bhopal	21.71 km.	Rs. 237.76 Crore
Ahmedabad	88.50 km.	Rs. 981.35 Crore
Rajkot	29.00 km.	Rs. 110.00 Crore
Surat	29.90 km.	Rs. 469.00 Crore

Jaipur	39.45 km.	Rs. 479.55 Crore
Vijaywada	15.50 km.	Rs. 152.64 Crore
Visakhapatnam	42.80 km.	Rs. 452.93 Crore

श्री प्रकाश जावेडकर : सभापति महोदय, समय के अभाव में मैं केवल सवाल पूछूंगा कि BRT के बारे में इन्होंने statement में बताया है कि यह दुनिया भर में सभी जगह अच्छा चल रहा है, लेकिन भारत में BRT के चलते बहुत कठिनाई है, क्योंकि road और traffic उतना नहीं है। तो, मंत्री जी कृपया बताएं कि नए सिरे से भारतीय कंडीशंस में BRT ठीक है या नहीं, इसकी स्टडी आप कराएंगे या नहीं?

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: It is early days to jump to a judgement. I do not want the hon. Member to be misguided by the high-level noises of car owners. ..*(Interruptions)*..

श्री रवि शंकर प्रसाद : रोज़ ट्रेफिक जाम होता है। ...(व्यवधान)..

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: You, as Members of Parliament, must listen to the demand of common commuters. There is a lot of demand for buses. Apart from the BRT, in the next few months, we are going to bring in 5000 modern luxurious buses in the various cities of the country...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Second supplementary, please.

श्री प्रकाश जावेडकर : मेरा दूसरा सवाल है कि आप कह रहे हैं कि commuters के लिए आप यह कर रहे हैं लेकिन जगह-जगह BRT के खिलाफ, जितने accidents हुए हैं, commuters मारे गए हैं, commuters द्वारा आन्दोलन चल रहे हैं, इसके बारे में सरकार क्या कर रही है?

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: You must understand, friend, that even without BRTs, accidents take place. You should not go by the limited experience of a pilot project. It is not true...*(Interruptions)*. You are, I am afraid, being misled by the voice of a very few people in the society and not the voice of multitudes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Increase in earnings of banks

†*68. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that banks operating in the country have earned a net profit during the first nine months of the current financial year;

(b) if so, the amount of the profit earned by each bank in excess of the profit earned during the corresponding period of the last year, along with the name of each bank; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.